

# APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I declare that:

my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name; I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention which is described and which is claimed in the specification, entitled:

Process and apparatus for producing oxidic nanocrystals

The specification as filed on July 20, 2000 and assigned US Serial Number 09/619,802.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of said specification, including claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclosure information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulation, Section 1.56(a).

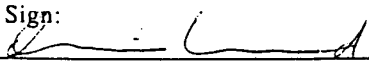
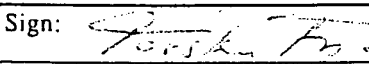
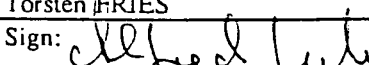
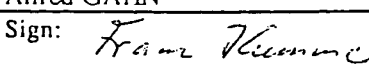
I claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35 United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE (month, day, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED
Fed. Rep. Germany	19936868.6	August 5, 1999	YES <u>X</u> No <u>  </u>

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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